

14 August 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Wisner, Deputy Director, Plans

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FROM : Deputy Director Central Intelligence

In view of the fact that the decision reached recently by the  
PRG with regard to a covert information program [ ] involved 25X1  
a decision of principle, I had a further discussion of the matter  
25X1 with [ ] and submitted a memorandum from him together with  
my covering memorandum of 8 August, 1952, to the DCI. The DCI's  
comments are appended to my memorandum and are passed to you and  
25X1 to [ ] for information and guidance.

ALLEN W. DULLES

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

At a recent meeting of the Project Review Committee a project was submitted covering a covert information program [ ] A memorandum giving the outline of this program with the appended State Department endorsement is attached.

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25X1 I took the position, which was concurred in by the PRC, that with all we had to do I did not think we could properly extend our efforts [ ] and that I doubted the wisdom of our attempting covert operations in that field. I also added that I felt that private foundations and organizations could more properly do this if the need was demonstrated.

As this involves a decision of principles, I told our people who spent much time and effort in developing the project that I would be glad to submit to you a brief memorandum from them presenting the other side of the story. After reading this memorandum I see no reason to change our original conclusions. I propose to adhere to this policy in the PRC unless you desire reconsideration.

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